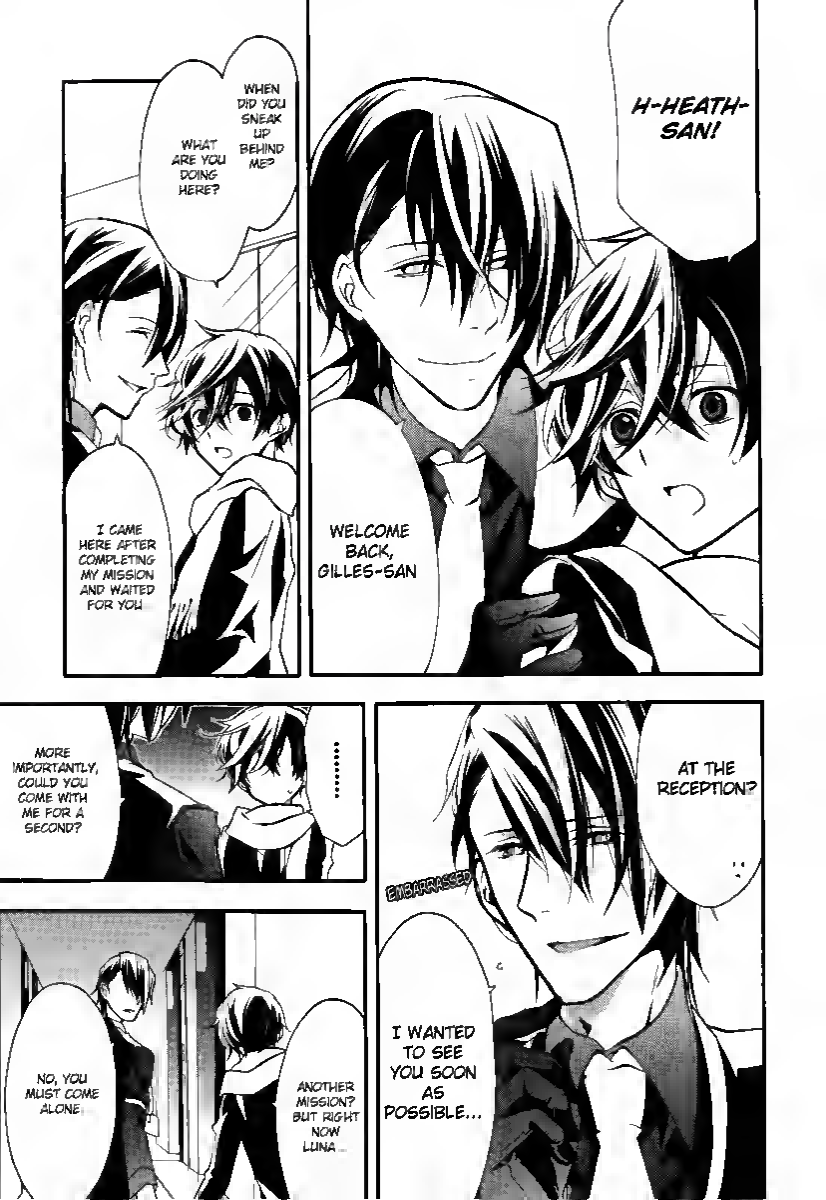
PANT
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK, APOSTLE.
ISS
SHOCK
LUNA-SAN?!

WHAT HAPPENED? YOU'RE DRENCHED...!
IT'S A LONG STORY...
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER

HE WAS PRETTY WEAK, BUT HE STARTED THROWING BUCKETS FULL OF WATER AT US...
AND THEN LUNA SLASHED THEM!
WE CHASED A VAMPIRE INTO A FLOWER SHOP.
Ah Choo
FLOWER SHOP?
THIS HUMAN BODY FEELS SO HEAVY
IN MY VAMPIRE FORM, I WOULD'VE HAD NO TROUBLE DODGING THE FALLING WATER... I'M NOT CLUMSY
OF COURSE NOT
Ah Choo
OKAY...
IN THE LOCKER ROOM YOU'LL FIND TOWELS AND EQUIPMENT.
ALRIGHT, I GOT IT. NOW GO AND TAKE A SHOWER BEFORE YOU CATCH A COLD.

JOLT
WAAA!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK
TAP TAP TAP


H-HEATH-SAN!
WELCOME BACK, GILLES-SAN
WHEN DID YOU SNEAK UP BEHIND ME?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I CAME HERE AFTER COMPLETING MY MISSION AND WAITED FOR YOU
AT THE RECEPTION?
EMBARRASSED
I WANTED TO SEE YOU SOON AS POSSIBLE...
.....
MORE IMPORTANTLY, COULD YOU COME WITH ME FOR A SECOND?
ANOTHER MISSION? BUT RIGHT NOW LUNA...
NO, YOU MUST COME ALONE.

Seventh Night -
The meeting in the Zero Room

Karasawa Kazuyoshi

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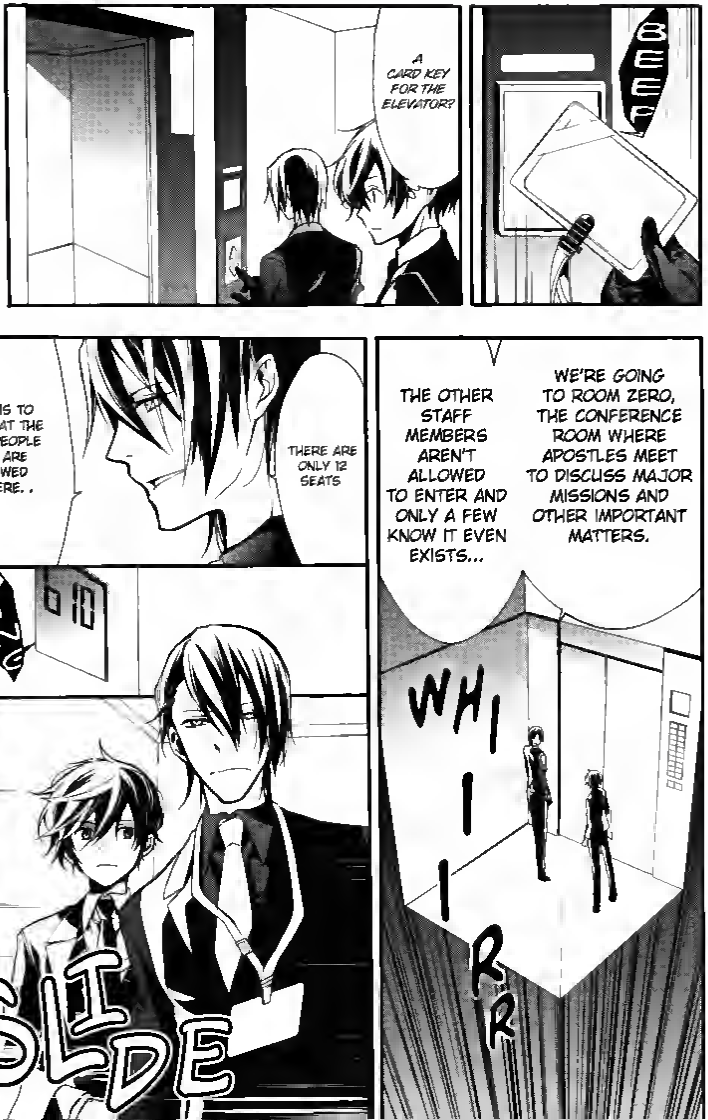
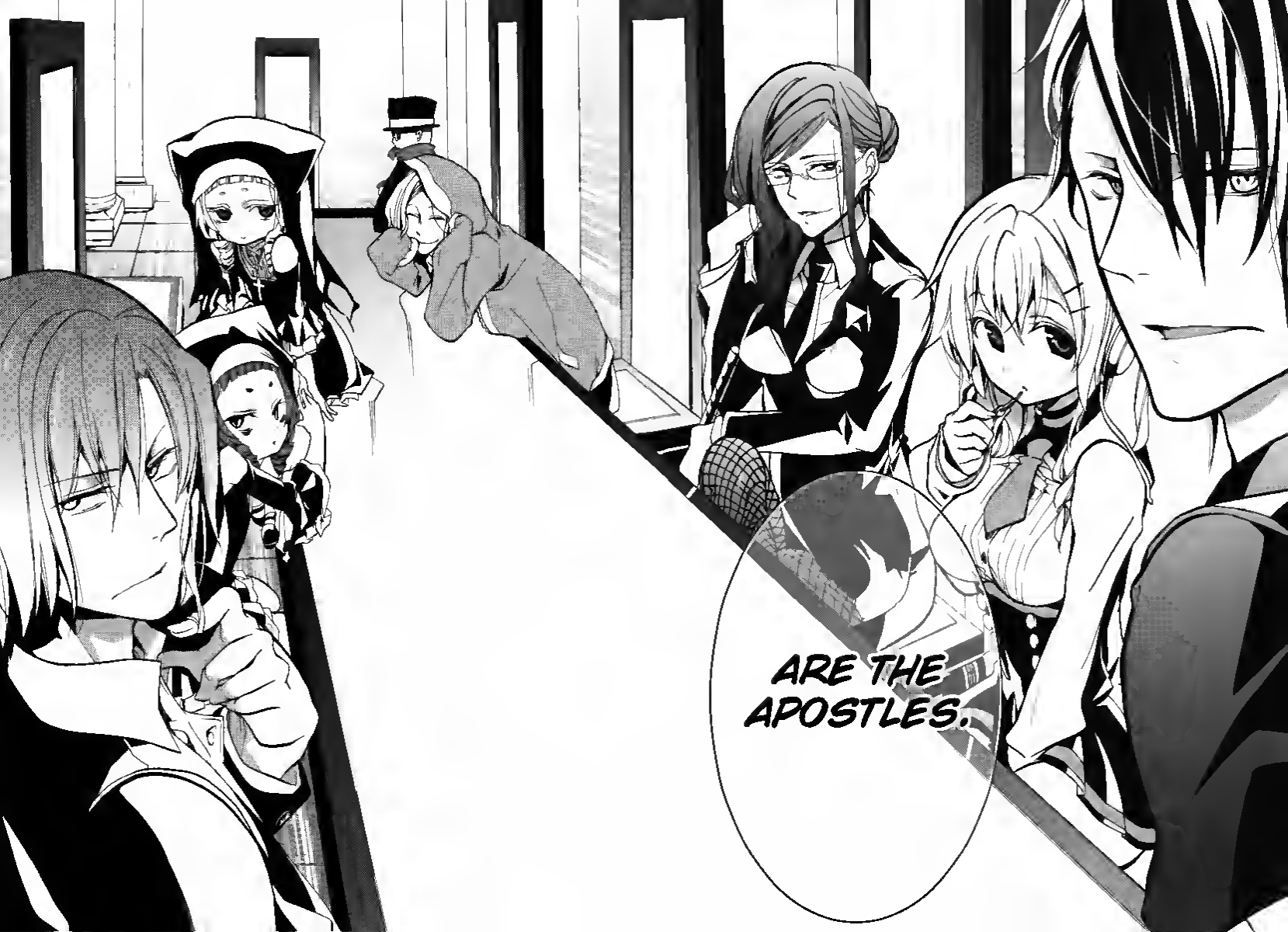

A CARD KEY FOR THE ELEVATOR?
BEEP
WE'RE GOING TO ROOM ZERO, THE CONFERENCE ROOM WHERE APOSTLES MEET TO DISCUSS MAJOR MISSIONS AND OTHER IMPORTANT MATTERS.
THE OTHER STAFF MEMBERS AREN'T ALLOWED TO ENTER AND ONLY A FEW KNOW IT EVEN EXISTS...
WHIIIRR
THERE ARE ONLY 12 SEATS
THAT IS TO SAY THAT THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO ARE ALLOWED IN THERE. .
SLIDE


ARE THE APOSTLES.

TENSE

YOU LEFT LUNA-SAN BEHIND TODAY?

WHAT'S WITH THIS ATMOSPHERE?
THEY'RE JUST SITTING THERE AND YET THE ATMOSPHERE IS SO TENSE...
JOLT

ESCUDO OR NOT, TO BE WAITED UPON 24/7 BY A GIRL IS SCANDALOUS.
AS YOUR COLLEAGUE, I'M ASHAMED OF YOU, GILLES-KUN.
HAUGHTY
GRR
HE'S SUCH A MORON!
HE'S HENRY... WE BECAME APOSTLES AT THE SAME TIME.
AN UNPLEASANT GUY WHO ALWAYS HAS SOMETHING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT.
I DON'T WANT TO BE OUTRANKED BY SOMEONE LIKE HIM...!!
HOSTILE
DON'T MIND HIS WORDS.

stand
KURU ...!?
HOLD YOUR HAND OUT, KURURIN
LIESE-SAN?!
HE LIKED HER.
HE'S JUST ENVIOUS BECAUSE YOU STOLE LUNA-CHAN FROM HIM.
WHAT IS IT?
THE NICKNAME THE DIRECTOR GAVE TO ME HAS ALREADY SPREAD THIS FAR...?
munch munch munch
WELL, ACTUALLY ...
SUCH AN EASYGOING GIRL...
SO, KURURIN HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN GOING OUT WITH LUNA-CHAN?
CHIL! PEPPERS?!
EAT THOSE WHILE WE SPEAK.
Drop

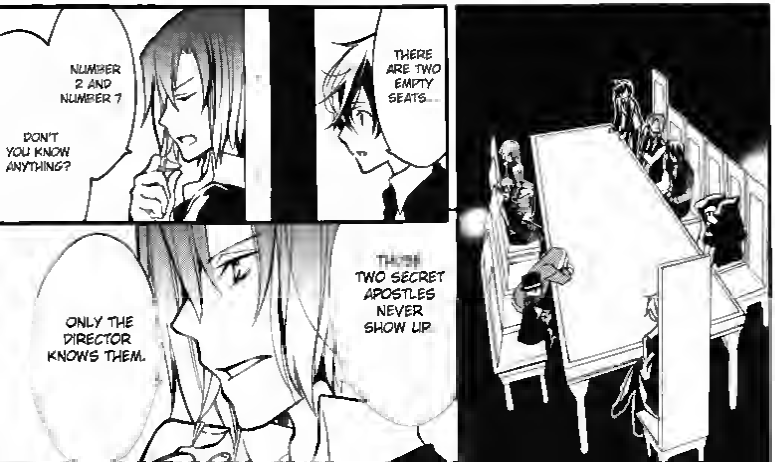
IF YOU'RE NOT GOING OUT TOGETHER, THEN WHY DOES SHE FOLLOW YOU EVERY-WHERE?
YOU MUST BE HIDING SOME-THING...
SHOCK
STOP
JUST WHO...
YOU MEAN NICHOLAS? HE'S PROBABLY AWAKE
I THOUGHT THE VOICE CAME FROM THERE, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I WAS MISTAKEN.
He's asleep-
EH?

WHIP
HEY!
OUCH!
YAWN
He really does sleep a lot.
IT'S ALWAYS DIFFICULT TO TELL WHETHER HE'S AWAKE OR NOT.
I SEE...
FREE SPIRITED AND UNINHIBITED.
A CAREFREE ATTITUDE IS A PRIVILEGE OF THE YOUNG.
TAP
TAP
TAP
LEAVE THEM ALONE, CHRISTINE.
ALWAYS EATING SNACKS AND TAKING A NAP, THE YOUTH NOWADAYS
HAVE NO SHAME!

THIS PLACE IS BUSTLING WITH LIFE, DON'T YOU THINK, LITZ?
CHUCKLE
THEY'RE PRETTY NOISY, AREN'T THEY, LITZ?
SULLEN
THEY SHOULD ALL DIE.
SLIDE
NO ONE'S MISSING, RIGHT?
STAND

THANK YOU FOR COMING. I KNOW YOU'RE ALL VERY BUSY. ♡
DIRECTOR... WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT?
THAT'S RIGHT. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'LL TAKE PART IN THIS MEETING, RIGHT, GILLES?
YOU'RE THE 12TH APOSTLE. SO PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEAT UNDER ST. MATTHIAS
TAP
TAP
UNDER ST. MATTHIAS...?

I'M SUPPOSED TO SIT NEXT TO YOU?
KEH
I DON'T LIKE IT EITHER, ALRIGHT?
I SEE...
SEATING ORDER FOLLOWS THE IMAGES OF THE APOSTLES DEPICTED ON THE PANELS OVERHEAD.
EH?


THERE ARE TWO EMPTY SEATS...
NUMBER 2 AND NUMBER 7
DON'T YOU KNOW ANYTHING?
THOSE TWO SECRET APOSTLES NEVER SHOW UP.
ONLY THE DIRECTOR KNOWS THEM.

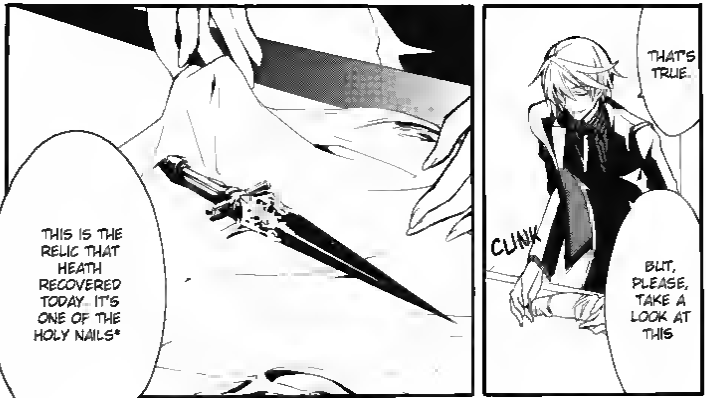
WE'VE GATHERED HERE TODAY TO DISCUSS OUR FUTURE PLANS
THAT IS BECAUSE THE PURE BLOOD IS THEIR HEART.
OUR GOAL IS THE EXTERMINATION OF THE ENTIRE VAMPIRE RACE. HOWEVER, AS LONG AS THEIR LORD, THE PURE BLOOD IS ALIVE, VAMPIRES WILL CONTINUE TO THRIVE
IF THE PURE BLOOD DIES, VAMPIRES WILL PERISH...

INDEED. BY KILLING THE PURE BLOOD, WE WOULD GET RID OF ALL VAMPIRES BUT WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE PURE BLOOD.
I'VE HEARD THAT EVEN OUR EX MACHINA ARE USELESS AGAINST THE PURE BLOOD AND WE DON'T KNOW HOW IT CAN BE KILLED.
THAT'S WHY WE WANT TO CRUSH THOSE VAMPIRES WHO DARE SHOW UP.
THAT WAS TRUE UNTIL NOW.
HOWEVER, WE'VE FINALLY FOUND A WAY...
TO KILL...
THE PURE BLOOD.

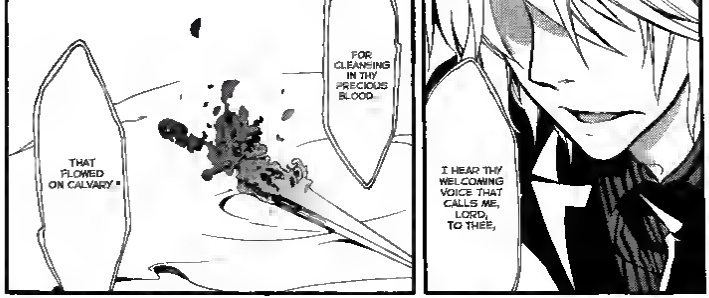
LET'S GO IN ORDER.
THE FIRST THINGS WE NEED TO DESTROY THE PURE BLOOD...
ARE THE HOLY RELICS.

HENRY, GILLES...
COULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT A HOLY RELIC IS?
SURE!
SHOVE
A HOLY RELIC IS A VESSEL CAPABLE OF STORING HOLY POWER, VIRTUS.
MORE-OVER..
THUMP
SUCH VESSELS CAN TAKE ON MANY DIFFERENT SHAPES-- IT CAN BE AN ITEM RELATED TO A SAINT OR THE REMAINS OF THEIR BODY
CRACKLE
LET ME SHOW YOU AN EXAMPLE.
THAT'S CORRECT

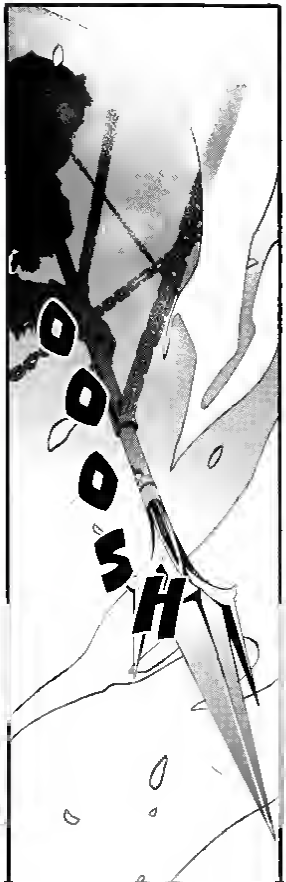
T/N the spear that pierced Jesus' side as he hung on the cross.
T/N Longinus is the name of the Roman soldier who pierced Jesus' side.



T/N: The nails with which Christ was crucified.



T/N: "I hear Thy welcome voice" hymn by Methodist minister Lewis Hartsough

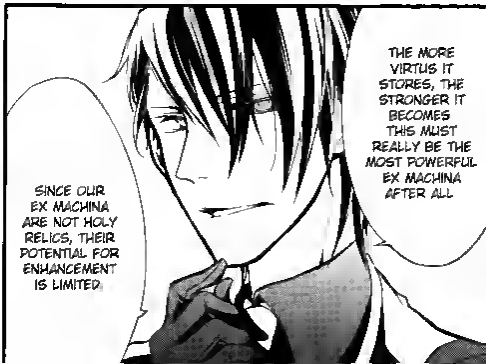


THE SPEAR SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN PURIFIED...?
ALLIANCE AND RUPTURE
THE VIRTUS WHICH HAD BEEN SCATTERED IS GATHERING TOGETHER ONCE AGAIN AND RESTORING THE POWER OF THE RELIC.
BENNY
AMONG THEM
POWER VARIES DEPENDING ON THE RELIC.
THE HOLY NAILS,
THE HOLY CROSS,
AND THE HOLY GRAIL...
ARE THE ONES THAT HOLD THE GREATEST POWER.

I WANT YOU TO SEARCH FOR THOSE RELICS!

EXACTLY
ALSO, THERE'S ONE MORE THING .

I SEE...
Whisper


THE MORE VIRTUS IT STORES, THE STRONGER IT BECOMES THIS MUST REALLY BE THE MOST POWERFUL EX MACHINA AFTER ALL
SINCE OUR EX MACHINA ARE NOT HOLY RELICS, THEIR POTENTIAL FOR ENHANCEMENT IS LIMITED.

ACTUALLY, I THINK I'LL TELL YOU THE REST WHEN THE TIME COMES.
?.....
GLANCE
IT'S PRETTY COMPLICATED SO I'M NOT SURE I GOT IT RIGHT, BUT...
TEE
HEE
HEE
I'VE ALSO HEARD THAT IF YOU WERE TO GATHER ALL THE EXISTING RELICS OF THE HOLY CROSS, THEY WOULD ADD UP TO THE SIZE OF A WARSHIP.
I'VE HEARD THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF FAKE RELICS AROUND.
STILL, WHAT CHOICE DO WE HAVE?
THAT'S RIGHT.
I WISH HE WOULD DIE FOR ORDERING US TO CARRY OUT SUCH A BOTHERSOME TASK.
I THINK SO, LITZ.
WHAT DO YOU THINK, LITZ?
BASICALLY, ONCE THAT SPEAR RECEIVES THE POWER OF THE HOLY RELICS, WE CAN USE IT TO KILL THE PURE BLOOD, RIGHT?

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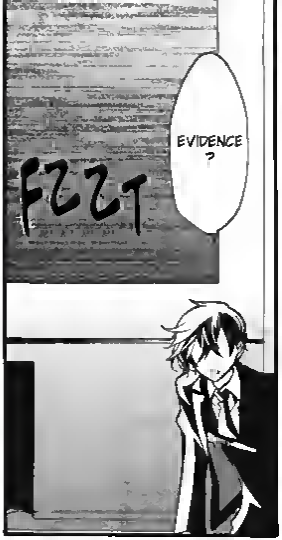
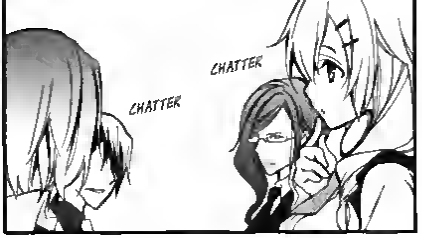
I'D LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF KURUMIN'S INTERRUPTION TO SAY SOMETHING...
NICHOLAS-SAN...?
SURE, LET'S HEAR IT
RUB
RUB
UNTIL NOW, WE'VE BEEN GROPING IN THE DARK FOR A WAY TO KILL THE PURE BLOOD.
AND THEN SUDDENLY YOU COME UP WITH THE SOLUTION
HOW DO WE KNOW FOR *SURE* THAT THE HOLY SPEAR WILL WORK?


FZZT
EVIDENCE ?

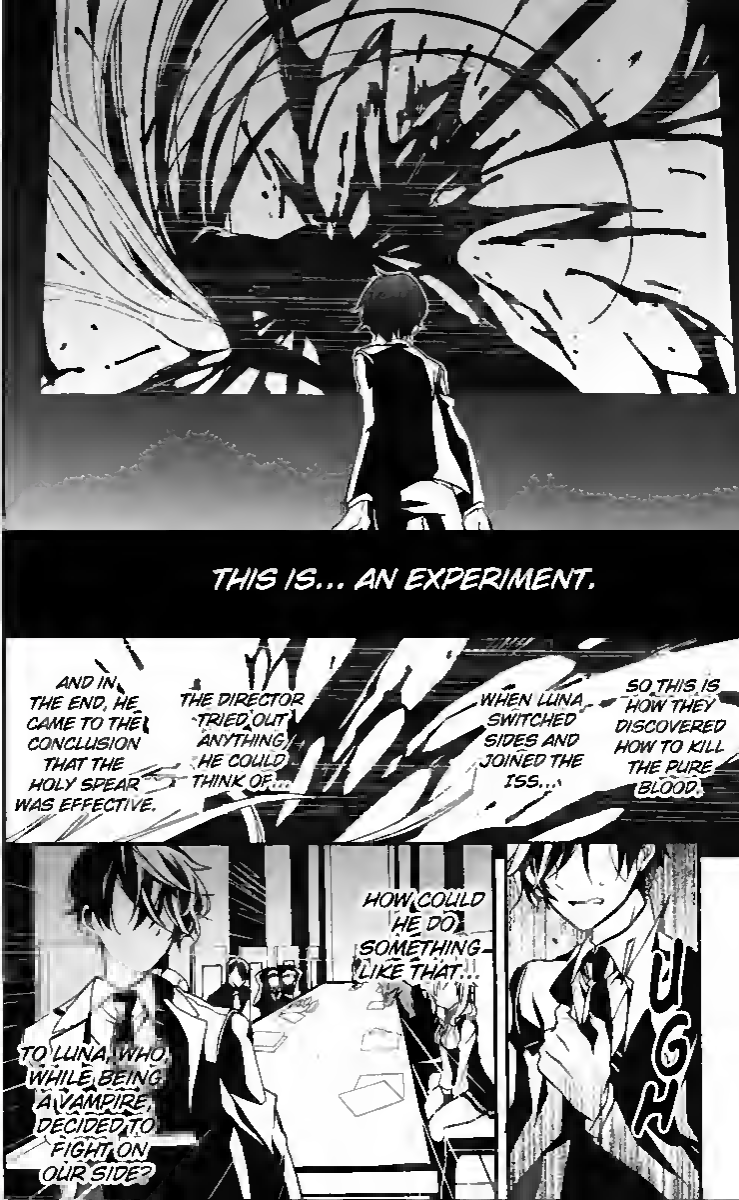

CHATTER
CHATTER

WELL, YOUR QUESTION IS LEGITIMATE.
LET'S SEE THE EVIDENCE THEN.

AAAAAHH!!!

LUNA'S VOICE...

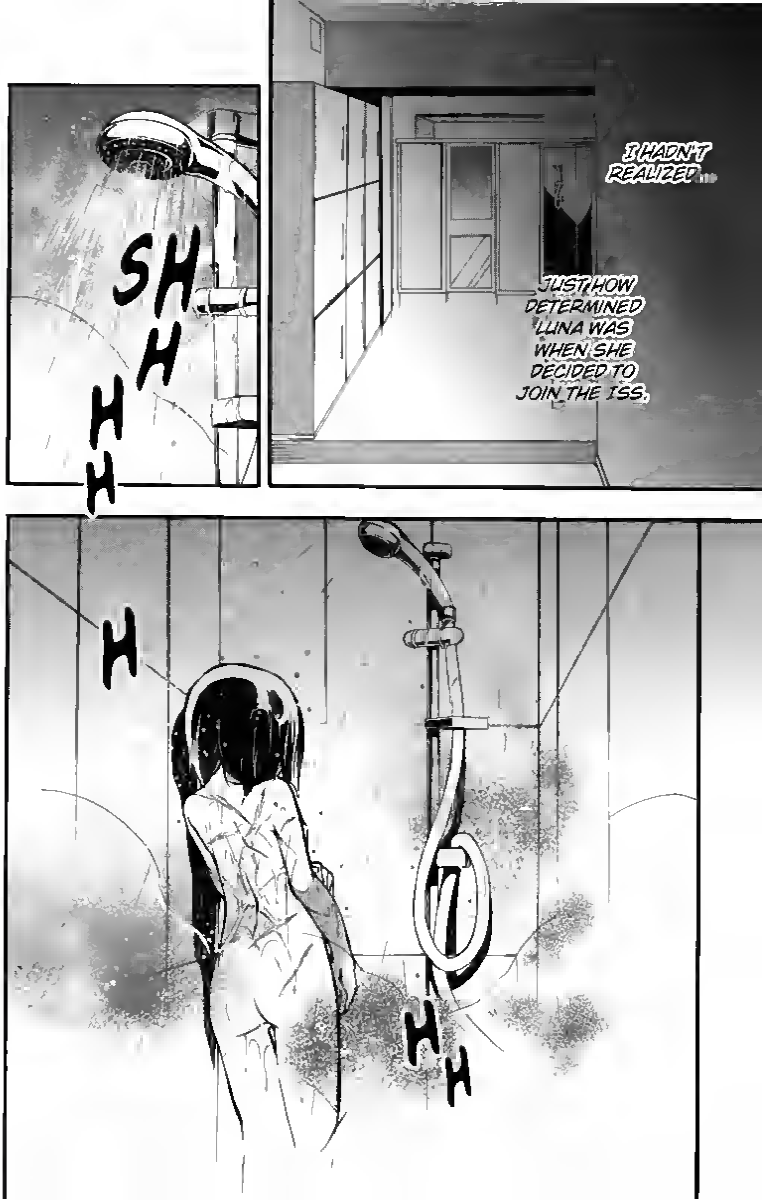
I CAN'T TELL YOU WHEN AND WHERE THIS WAS RECORDED.
BUT, AS YOU CAN SEE, THE HOLY SPEAR IMBUED WITH VIRTUS IS EFFECTIVE AGAINST THE PURE BLOOD.


THIS IS... AN EXPERIMENT.
SO THIS IS HOW THEY DISCOVERED HOW TO KILL THE PURE BLOOD.
WHEN LUNA SWITCHED SIDES AND JOINED THE ISS...
THE DIRECTOR TRIED OUT ANYTHING HE COULD THINK OF...
AND IN THE END, HE CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE HOLY SPEAR WAS EFFECTIVE.
HOW COULD HE DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
TO LUNA, WHO, WHILE BEING A VAMPIRE, DECIDED TO FIGHT ON OUR SIDE?
UGH

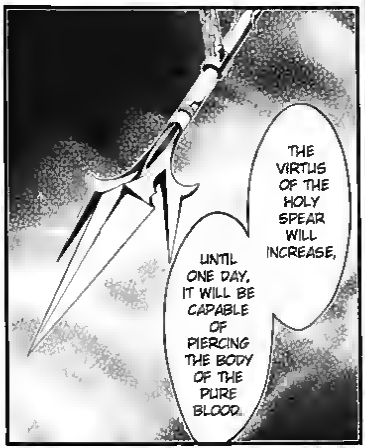
HOW COULD HE BE SO CRUEL?
STAGGER
UGH...
GILLES-SAN?!
GEEZ
IF YOU'RE FEELING SICK, THEN HAVE THE DECENCY TO GO TO THE WASHROOM

.....
WH-
WE MAY ALSO BE ABLE TO FIND OUT THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE PURE BLOOD THANKS TO THIS VIDEO
LOOKS LIKE THE PURE BLOOD'S RESPONSE TO PAIN IS THE SAME THAT OF HUMAN BEINGS.
PIERCE HER, PIERCE HER AGAIN!
THE PURE BLOOD WON'T FAINT.
IS THAT ALL THEY HAVE TO SAY ON THIS RECORDING?!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THESE PEOPLE?
ONE DAY, WE WILL HAVE TO FIGHT AGAINST THE PURE BLOOD.
WE NEED TO KNOW ITS WEAK POINTS AND WHETHER OR NOT OUR POWER IS EFFECTIVE AGAINST IT.
THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS WE NEED TO FIND OUT.
IT'S JUST THAT THE PURE BLOOD IS THE WORST OF ALL VAMPIRES
GILLES-SAN... IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE ENJOYING THIS VIDEO.

IN ORDER TO BE PREPARED FOR THAT DAY...
WE HAVE TO WATCH THIS...
.....
OKAY...
LUNA...


I HADN'T REALIZED...
JUST HOW DETERMINED LUNA WAS WHEN SHE DECIDED TO JOIN THE ISS.
SHHHHH
H
HHH

WE'VE ALSO NARROWED DOWN OUR RESEARCH FOR THE PURE BLOOD'S WHEREABOUTS.
IF THE PURE BLOOD DIES, ALL OTHER VAMPIRES WILL FOLLOW SUIT.


THE VIRTUS OF THE HOLY SPEAR WILL INCREASE.
UNTIL ONE DAY, IT WILL BE CAPABLE OF PIERCING THE BODY OF THE PURE BLOOD.

THAT DAY, MANKIND...
...WILL TRIUMPH OVER VAMPIRES.
LUNA IS HEADING TOWARDS HER OWN DEATH.

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H-HERE SOME NEW POTENTIAL PROJECTS, MISS ADMIN
PLEASE TAKE A LOOK. SOME OF THEM LOOK QUITE PROMISING
OHOHO? LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT THEM THEN.
MORE PROJECTS?
toss
WHAT?!?!
WHAT DID YOU DO THAT FOR?!
AGAIN?!
THOSE WERE REALY GOOD!
YES, THEY WERE. BUT WE SIMPLY DONT HAVE THE STAFF FOR THEM.
I WANT MORE PROJECTS AND FASTER RELEASES!
AW CRAP, THE FANS ARE GOING TO BE PISSED.
OH WELL~
INSTEAD OF COMPLAINING ABOUT IT, THEY SHOULD VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT.
WE CAN'T DO ANYTING WITHOUT MORE STAFF. THESE PROJECTS DON'T CLEAN THEMSELVES YOU KNOW.
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